

To whom this may concern, It was recently brought to my attention that DCF is planning to cut the Work To Learn Program which include the Youth Business program as well as the IDA programs. If theses programs are taken away it will be extremely hard for any youth in DCF to feel has though they have a financial future or at least a foundation. I have been in Foster Care since the age of seven along with my brother. The opportunities that I have seen theses program have offered to others and especially my brother who I did not grow up with but still keep in touch has trembously helped him in many ways growing up in the system and what he has experience in life. Theses programs has a foundation for him and where he is now would not be possible without the IDA program as well as the YBC. The work to learn program as not only helped others and my brother but it has significantly impacted my little life in a great way. For example because of the IDA program I was able to get my first car for others it was the same as well as his or hers own apartment after graduation of college or vocational school in which I plan to achieve with this program. As I have seen it helped my brother as well as myself getting my first car I plan to see it stay in place to help many more other Children, youths, and young adults growing up in Foster Care. We understand change is something that has to happen. Change can be a good thing and a bad thing however through what I have saw and experience cutting this program would be a bad idea. Everyone has a different story and a different struggle in their life and DCF as well as the program work to learn has taught many children, youths, and young adults life skills, the importance of a dollar, and so much more. Growing up in DCF and particpating the work to learn program it was a strong foundation for me and ultimately showed me how much the people who are involved cared. DCF is not always looked at in the most positive light however this program is.